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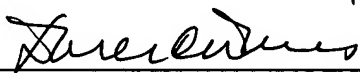
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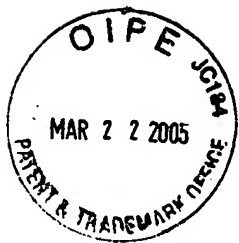
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 17 February 2005, for which the one-month date for response is 17 March 2005.

Please consider the following election and remarks.

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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

The Restriction Requirement alleges that the present application contains claims directed to following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I – shown in Figures 1, 5B, and 9;

Species II – shown in Figures 2A – 2C and 5A;

Species III – shown in Figures 3A – 3C;

Species IV – shown in Figure 4A

Species V – shown in Figures 4B and 8;

Species VI – shown in Figures 4C and 7;

Species VII – shown in Figures 6 and 10; and

Species VIII – shown in Figure 11.

Note that, in the Restriction Requirement, Species “VIII” above is listed as Species “IX.” Applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue the embodiment of alleged Species “II.” Claims 21-32, 34, 37-48, 50-54, and 62-68 read on alleged Species “II”, as each of the claimed elements appear in at least one of Figures 2A – 2C and 5A. Applicant’s election is not an acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of the alleged “species” in the application. Applicants also request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.